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HIKING

Mt. Thomas-FDT 1870

Difficulty: Moderate
Trail Use: Low
Length: 7.96 miles
Elevation: Starts at 10,343 feet, ends at 11,719 feet, highest point 12,034 feet
Elevation Gain: +2659 feet - 1283 feet = +1376 feet
Open To: Hiking, horseback riding

Access:

- From I-70 exit 147 for Eagle, turn south on Eby Creek Rd to the Route 6 roundabout.
- At roundabout, turn right (west) on Route 6/Grand Ave and travel 0.8 miles to next roundabout.
- At this roundabout, take the third right onto Sylvan Lake Road.
- Continue 1.6 miles to Brush Creek Road, and take a right on Brush Creek Road.
- Follow Brush Creek Rd for roughly 9 miles to the fork of East and West Brush Creek.
- Take a right at the fork onto West Brush Creek Rd., FDR 400 and travel for another 10 miles passing Sylvan Lake to Crooked Creek Pass.
- Turn right just past the cattle guard and go 1/2 mile on this short, rough road. There is limited parking at the trailhead, trailers can park at Crooked Creek Pass.

Trail Highlights:

- The trail begins with a moderately steep climb through spruce/ fir forest before leveling out to follow the Red Table Mountain ridge and climbing the peak of Mt. Thomas at 11,977 feet.
- The trail then travels through an alpine zone becoming rocky with little vegetation, look for large rock cairns to guide you.
- After about 7 miles the trail descends into sparse stands of spruce/fir forest and ends in a large meadow that connects with Red Table Mountain Road, FDR 514.
- The Mt. Thomas trail's best features are the panoramic views seen in all directions of the Fry-ing Pan Valley, Ruedi Reservoir, Maroon Bells, and Snowmass of Aspen seen to the south, northward, the Brush Creek drainage, Leeman Gulch, with associated lakes and the snow-capped peaks of the Gore Range are visible.
- Keep an eye open for wildlife such as mule deer, elk, pikas and yellow-bellied marmots.
- Brilliant alpine wildflowers are in abundance along the ridge top meadows.

Important Information:

- **ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.**
- **THIS IS A PROPOSED WILDERNESS AREA, PLEASE PRACTICE WILDERNESS ETHICS.**
- **NO MOTORIZED OR MECHANIZED TRAVEL ALLOWED.**

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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